



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area – Southern California Edison Retaining Wall

Project Location – Specific: Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA)

Project Location – City: Gorman

Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this project is for Southern California Edison (SCE) contract crews to install a retaining wall to stabilize the footing of the tower and prevent future erosion, as well as construct a temporary bench for access. The project is located in open space, desert scrub habitat approximately 1.26 miles south of the intersection between N. Peace Road and Gold Hill Road. Due to erosion, the retaining wall will be constructed downslope along the southern side of tower M59-T2, measuring approximately 50 feet long and standing approximately 10 feet above the surface. The excavation for the retaining wall will be four feet at the deepest point. In order to facilitate construction, a temporary bench will be created 25 feet south of the tower. Native seed mix will be used in a hydroseeder. An existing oak tree will be protected in place, minor trimming is possible on the easterly edge of the tree to allow clearance for construction equipment. A juniper tree will likely need to be removed. Prior to the project, natural resource staff will inspect the area, including any tree or vegetation that may be inhabited by wildlife, such as nesting birds. If nesting birds are found, the project will be postponed until after the nesting season. Temporary erosion control materials include burlap wattles and burlap soil bags. After construction of the retaining wall, the slope will be restored and all disturbed earth and slopes will be stabilized.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Great Basin District

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption – 15311 Accessory Structures

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls within the CE class listed above. Proposed activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. A CEQA Project Evaluation Form for the project is on file at the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division office listed above.

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